

The Philippine Cable Industry

Philippines

Market Overview

- Over 700 small and medium-sized cable providers service 2 million cable subscribers throughout the Philippines.
- Still, 500 municipalities (out of 1500 nationwide) are not covered by cable systems.
- Though subscriber penetration continues to grow, Metro Manila alone has an untapped market of 3 million households.

Cable Operators

- Beyond Cable and Global Destiny dominate the Metro Manila provider market with 70% and 30% market share, respectively.
- Both major operators are upgrading from analog to digital technology and are actively seeking suppliers.
- The Philippine Cable Television Association is lobbying Congress in favor of a new Bill to open the cable industry to foreign investors and impose stiffer penalties against pirates.

Commercial Opportunities

- Expansion projects in and around Metro Manila and network growth will continue to drive demand for new cabling and equipment for the next three years.
- The larger operators intend to purchase modulators, line extenders, amplifiers, digital boxes, scrambling technology and other anti-piracy and pro-growth technologies.
- High demand exists for US content providers such as HBO, Disney, Discovery and others. U.S. programs are consistently among the top ranked, most-viewed shows.
- Service providers are looking at VoIP technology and cable telephony for future growth.





